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I. Proposed provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2003 of the Council and list of documents for each agenda item

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on proposed themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the 2004 substantive session of the Council (General Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I)

High-level segment

2. Promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme (Council decision 2002/309)

World Economic and Social Survey, 2003

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fifth session (on recommendations regarding the theme chosen for the high-level segment of the substantive session of the Council) (Council resolution 2002/36, para. 7)

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

3. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 56/201 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress on the issue of funding for development cooperation activities of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 56/201)

Report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of lessons learned by United Nations funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system from their evaluations at the field level (General Assembly resolution 56/201)

Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for the year 2001 (General Assembly resolution 35/81)

Report of the Secretary-General on the *Human Development Report* (General Assembly resolution 57/264)[1]

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund on its first regular session and annual session (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 56/201 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 56/201 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its first regular session and annual session (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 56/201 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 56/201 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2002 sessions (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 56/201 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 56/201 and Council resolution 1995/51)

(c) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134)[1]

Coordination segment

4. The role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme (General Assembly resolution 57/270 and Council resolution 1997/61 and Council decision 2002/309)

[1] Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

Humanitarian affairs segment

5. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 57/153 and Council resolution 2002/32)[1]

General segment

6. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major international United Nations conferences and summits

(a) Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of agreed conclusions 2002/1 on strengthening further the Economic and Social Council (General Assembly resolutions 45/264 and 50/227)

Comprehensive report of the Statistical Commission on the work related to chapter VI, section E, of its report on its thirty-third session (E/2002/24, Supplement No. 4), and on basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits at all levels, including the report on indicators on means of implementation (Council decision 2002/311 (also under item 13 (c))

Note by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Committee on World Food Security on the progress in the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action, highlighting its linkages with the coordinated and integrated follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits undertaken by the United Nations system (Council decision 1999/212)

(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010[1]

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (General Assembly resolution 57/276)[1]

Comprehensive progress report by the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (Council resolution 2002/33)

7. **Coordination, programme and other questions**

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up efforts to the International Conference on Financing for Development (Council decision 2002/306)[1] (also under item 8)

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-third session

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2002

(b) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-third session

(c) Calendar of conferences in the economic, social and related fields

Documentation

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2004-2005

(d) International cooperation in the field of informatics

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations informatics systems (including the findings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics and an assessment of its work and mandate) (Council resolution 2002/35)

(e) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council resolution 2002/22)

(f) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including progress in the area of gender

mainstreaming (General Assembly resolution 57/182 and Council resolution 2002/23) (also under item 14 (a))[1]

(g) **Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS)**

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS) (Council resolution 2001/23)

(h) **Ad hoc advisory group on African countries emerging from conflict** (Council resolution 2002/1)

No advance documentation

(i) **Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force**

Documentation

First annual report of the Secretary-General on the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force (Council decision 2001/210)

8. **Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development and implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B**

Documentation

President's summary of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up efforts to the International Conference on Financing for Development (Council decision 2002/306)[1] (also under item 7)

9. **Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations**

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (General Assembly resolution 57/147 and Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2002/30

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Council resolution 2002/30)

10. Regional cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1)

Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 2002

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 2002

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Asia and the Pacific, 2003

Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2002

Summary of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 2002-2003

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe on the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (Council resolution 2001/29)

11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2002/31[1]

12. Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decision 1995/304)

13. Economic and environmental questions

Documentation

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Council (Council agreed conclusions 2002/1) (also under item 14)

(a) Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its eleventh session (Council decision 1993/207)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fifth session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX), 1625 (LI) and 2000/34), including:

- Final report of the Committee on the re-examination of its recommendation to graduate Maldives from the list of least developed countries (Council resolution 2001/43)
- Recommendations regarding the theme chosen for the high-level segment of the substantive session (Council resolution 2002/36)

(b) Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its sixth session (General Assembly resolution 46/235, annex, para. 7 (a) (v))

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society (General Assembly resolution 57/238)[1]

(c) Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-fourth session (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L) and Council decision 2002/298)

Comprehensive report of the Statistical Commission on the work related to chapter VI, section E, of its report on its thirty-third session (E/2002/24, Supplement No. 4), and on basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits at all levels, including the report on indicators on means of implementation (Council decision 2002/311 (also under item 6 (a))

(d) Human settlements

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on its nineteenth session (General Assembly resolution 56/206, sect. I.A, para. 7)[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Council resolution 2002/38)

(e) Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-second session (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII) and 53/242)[1]

(f) Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-sixth session (General Assembly resolution 48/128 and Council decisions 1995/209 and 2002/299)

(g) Public administration and development

No advance documentation (Council resolution 2002/40)

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its 11th meeting (Council resolutions 1273 (XLIII) and 1765 (LIV) and Council decision 2002/231)

(i) United Nations Forum on Forests

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its third session (Council resolution 2000/35 and Council decision 2002/301)

(j) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (A/57/165 and Add.1), together with relevant background materials (General Assembly resolution 57/25 and Council resolution 2000/32)

Note by the Secretary-General on assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

(k) Cartography

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Eighth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (Council decision 2000/230)

(l) Transport of dangerous goods

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Council resolutions 2001/34 and 2001/44)

(m) Women and development

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-seventh session (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and Council resolution 1987/24)

14. Social and human rights questions

Documentation

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Council (Council agreed conclusions 2002/1) (also under item 13)

(a) Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including progress in the area of gender mainstreaming (General Assembly resolution 57/182 and Council resolution 2002/23) (also under item 7 (f))[1]

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)[1]

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-seventh session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI))

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

(b) Social development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (General Assembly resolution 56/115 and Council decision 2002/265)[2]

Progress report by the Secretary-General on measures taken for the operationalization of the World Solidarity Fund (General Assembly resolution 57/265)

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-first session (Council resolution 10 (III) and Council decision 2002/237)

[2] Submitted to the General Assembly through the Commission for Social Development and the Council.

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (General Assembly resolution 57/164)[1]

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (General Assembly resolution 57/171)[1]

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twelfth session (Council resolution 1992/1 and Council decision 2002/238)

Report of the Secretary-General on the rule, function, periodicity and duration of the United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice (General Assembly resolution 56/119)[3]

(d) Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-sixth session (Council resolution 9 (I) and Council decision 2002/240)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees[1]

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (General Assembly resolutions 48/91 and 55/84)

[3] Submitted to the General Assembly through the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

(g) Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)[1]

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-ninth session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II))

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[1]

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its second annual session (Council resolution 2000/22 and Council decision 2002/285)

Report of the Secretary-General on the information concerning indigenous issues requested in paragraph (e) of Council decision 2001/316 of 26 July 2001 (Council decision 2002/286)

(i) Genetic privacy and non-discrimination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on information and comments received from Governments and relevant international organizations and functional commissions pursuant to Council resolution 2001/39

15. Consideration of the request for conversion of the International Civil Defence Organization, an intergovernmental organization with observer status with the Economic and Social Council, to a specialized agency of the United Nations system

Documentation

Letter dated 19 July 2001 from the Secretary-General of the International Civil Defence Organization to the President of the Council (E/2002/4) (Council decision 2002/233)

16. Negotiation of an agreement between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization to constitute it as a specialized agency of the United Nations system

Documentation

Draft relationship agreement between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization to be submitted by the Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies, on the basis of proposals submitted by the Secretary-General (Council resolution 2002/24)

II. Questions for inclusion in the programme of work of the Council for 2004 and list of documents for each agenda item[4]

Substantive session of 2004

A. High-level segment

[Theme/themes to be selected]

Documentation

World Economic and Social Survey, 2004

B. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

[Theme/themes to be selected]

Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly

Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 35/81, 53/192 and 56/201)

Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its first regular session and annual session (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 56/201 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 56/201 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its first regular session and annual session (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 56/201 and Council resolution 1995/51)

[4] It is expected that the following list of questions will be revised in the light of the Council's deliberations on the proposed programme of work for 2003.

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 56/201 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2002 sessions (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 56/201 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 56/201 and Council resolution 1995/51)

C. Coordination segment

Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes

[Theme/themes to be selected]

D. Humanitarian affairs segment

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

E. General segment

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits

Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Coordination, programme and other questions

Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-fourth session

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2003

Medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the biennium 2004-2005

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-fourth session

Tobacco or health

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control (Council decision 2002/242)

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))[1]

Regional cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1)

Summaries of the surveys of economic conditions in the five regions prepared by the regional commissions (Council resolution 1724 (LIII))

Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decision 1995/304)

Economic and environmental questions

Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its twelfth session (Council decision 1993/207)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its sixth session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX), 1625 (LI) and 2000/34)

Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its seventh session (General Assembly resolution 46/235, annex, para. 7 (a) (v))

United Nations Forum on Forests

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its fourth session (Council resolution 2000/35)

Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-sixth session (General Assembly resolution 49/128, para. 25, and Council decision 1995/209)

Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-fifth session (Council resolutions 1768 (LIV) and 1999/8)

Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII))[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (General Assembly resolution 39/229 and Council resolution 2001/33)[1]

Human settlements

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on its twentieth session (General Assembly resolutions 32/162 and 56/206)[1]

Social and human rights questions

Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)[1]

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-eighth session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI))

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-second session (Council resolutions 10 (III) and 1996/7)

Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its thirteenth session (Council resolution 1992/1)

Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-seventh session (Council resolution 9 (I))

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees[1]

Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its sixtieth session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II))

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)[1]

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex)[1]

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[1]

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its third session (Council resolution 2000/22)